expenditure under the scheme is shared equally by the Central Government and the States

**Workers Engaged in Shipbrcaking Industry**

1285. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is ho facility like medical, insurance, pension for over 40,000 workers engaged in shipbreaking industry Alang in Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when labour laws are proposed to be made applicable for those workers whose living conditions are pathetic with leprosy andy AIDS cases reported in large number

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) The workers engaged in shipbreaking industry in Alang in Gujarat are eligible for Provident Fund, Pension and Deposit — Linked Insurance benefits as per provisions of the Employees' Provident Funds and miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. In the case of death /disablement due to employment injury, these workers are also eligible for Payment of Compensation as provided under the Workmen's compensation Act, 1923. The provisions of Labour Laws including provision of medical care are being mainly administered by the State Governments. Any complaint about non-enforcement of Labour Laws in shipbreaking industry as and when received are forwarded to the State Government for taking appropriate remedial measures.

**Discovery of New Gold Reserve Areas**

1286. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has recently discovered some new gold reserve area in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such new gold reserve area has been detected in 1997-98 in the State of Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir Geological Survey of India (GSI) has established gold ore reserves in the following areas during 1994—97.

**KARNATAKA**

Hira Buddini (Raichur district), Chinmulgund and Nagavi (Dharwar district), Ajjanahalli west and G.R. Halli South Block (Chitradurga district).

**ANDHRA PRADESH**

Dona Temple (Kurnool district) and Kudithanapallc (Chittoor district).

**RAJASTHAN**

Anandpuri-Bhukia (Banswara district)

MADHYA PRADESH

Gurharpahar West (Sidhi district).

**MAHARASHTRA**

Parsori West Block and Kitari Block (Nagpur district).

**KERALA**

Kappil (Malappuram district).

(c) No. Sir. No new gold ore reserves has been established in Orissa during 1997-98.

(d) The question does not arise

**Chrome-Ore Mines on Lease to Industrial Units**

1287. SHRI NARENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Orissa to give on lease to industrial units chrome-ore mines;

(b) if so, what action has been taken on the said proposal; and